

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Peter de Merton with St. Cuthbert

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Notices - Sunday 22 March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

Our services are currently suspended

We Worship Apart but Together:

Even though we cannot be together in church why not join with us in saying Morning, Evening and Night Prayer where you are. We will be saying Morning Prayer at 9am (10.15am on Sunday), Evening Prayer at 5.30pm and Night Prayer at 9pm.

Daily
Prayer

You can find the prayers by downloading the Daily Prayer App or by going to <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> The website also includes Prayer During the Day

Check our website and facebook page for information: This week there will be some adapted material from our Mothering Sunday Service.

Listen to services on radio, and watch on tv

You can also access livestreamed services from some churches – here are some that are available:

All Hallows by the Tower <https://www.ahbtt.org.uk/live-stream/>

Buckingham Parish Church:

https://www.bpchurch.uk/Groups/224904/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Whats_On/Services/Livestream_Services/Livestream_Services.aspx

St Nicholas Church Canvey Island <https://thesundayservice.gallery.video/stnicholascanvey>

St James' Church, Clitheroe <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-G5IrRtm4g5h9yzVkogAw/videos>

St Mary's Kenton <https://www.stmaryskenton.org/live-church-webcam/>

All our weekly activities are currently suspended

But we can all continue to support each other in prayer and by phone, email, letter

If you haven't submitted your APCM reports please email them to adminstpetersbedford@googlemail.com by Sunday 29th March at the very latest. Why not use this as an opportunity to reflect on how your group is fulfilling the mission of our church and how you have seen God at work in or through it?

This week's Intercessions

Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake

May we who have no risk factors,
remember the most vulnerable

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
remember those who must chose between preserving their health or making their rent

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,
remember those who have no options

May we who have to cancel our trips,
remember those that have no safe place to go

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market,
remember those who have no margin at all

May we who settle in for quarantine at home
remember those who have no home

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

We pray for all suffering from COVID 19 and those self-isolating, for all medical and caring professions working to support those who are ill, those working to develop a vaccine, those testing people. For all those who carry the burden of making decisions for our safety.

We pray for all those who are anxious for loved ones particularly those unable to visit relatives and friends in hospitals and care homes.

For children, carers, teachers and all school workers as they adjust to the closure of schools.

For all those groups who would normally be meeting in the Chapter House, that they may continue to support one another.

Those who are sick and their families; Janice C, Sue W, Robin D, Anthony C, Delia W, Jess H-L, Sally-Anne, Michael B, Dave T, Alan, Sarah T, Janet, David W, Janet C, and long term for David P, Doug MW, Amy N and Ian T.

Those who have died recently and whom we commend to God's keeping. We particularly remember David Briggs with thanks for his life of faith and service. Also for those whose year's mind falls during the next week.

Those who live and work in Argyll Street, Cavendish Street, Queen Street and Cobden Square.

We offer these prayers in the strength and the love of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.